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On January 21st, at Shanghai, the wife of Ed. H. Knott, I. M. Customs, of a son.

On January 22nd, at Chuning, the wife of John S. Denhouse, of a son.

## MARRIAGE.

On January 21st, at Shanghai, the Rev. John Charles May, c.m.s. Kumamoto, Japan, to ALICE M. E. MACLURE.

DEATH.

On January 19th, at Vancouver, B. C. Mrs. W. H. Wood, mother of Mrs. Clifford C. A. Ward, of Shanghai.

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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG JANUARY 28TH, 1908.

This perusal of a correspondence which appeared recently in the London *Times* strongly recalls the celebrated saying of MACAULAY that there is nothing more ridiculous than the British public, when it gets into one of its periodical fits of morality. This remark was made in reference to the unreasoning antagonism that was displayed with regard to WARREN HASTINGS, but people have become infinitely better since those days, and we find that the columns of "the leading journal" are now taken up with correspondence on the enormously important subject of Christmas boxes, which is not considered beneath the dignity of discussion by an eminent judge and of an opinion by the Attorney-General. We are certainly getting very good indeed, when Sir EDWARD FRY indicts a letter, a column long, on this stupendous subject, to the public Press, and deals with it with all the seriousness of a summing up in some important trial. "The Prevention of Corruption" Act, which was passed to prevent numerously corrupt practices in connection with commissions on contracts and other mercantile transactions, and also touched upon commissions to servants in

large houses, to secure custom formed the peg upon which this very high-toned discussion was hung. "The approach of the first Christmas" after that Act had been passed "naturally" Sir EDWARD tells us, "called attention to the question how far the giving or receiving of Christmas boxes comes within the scope of the Act." It almost seems a pity that Christmas was so unreasonable as to approach at all under the circumstances. I should have refrained from doing so, and so have avoided the shock to such sensitive consciences as Sir EDWARD's. He has no doubt that "most Christmas boxes given by tradesmen to servants are given as inducements to show favour to the tradesmen." With this most people will, to a qualified extent, agree; as nobody supposes that tradesmen make these donations from pure philanthropy. But whether this inducement is an undue one or a corrupt one is a point upon which opinions may differ, and it seems that some tradesmen issued circulars to the servants, inviting them to procure their masters' assent to their receiving the gift, an undoubtedly prudent course, and one eminently calculated to reduce the necessity of giving the customary "cousins" to a minimum.

One would think that the matter was sufficiently cleared up on this particularly business-like and unromantic basis, but Sir EDWARD FRY, like SHAKESPEARE, is no hing unless a moralist, and he proceeds seriously to observe: "There remains a moral question. Ought a master to consent to the receipt by his servant of a donation from the dealer?" and he goes on to conclude that he should not do so, because such a present would "create an obligation or an inclination to act in the interests of the stranger when he ought to act with a single eye to his master's interest." Sir EDWARD is hardly fair to the servants. He does not give them credit for the ingenuity, which is the notorious characteristic of the recipients of all kinds of tips. It seems that the Attorney-General was consulted on this "grave" question, gave the common sense opinion that Christmas boxes were not within the scope of the act. But this version of his answer does not satisfy Sir EDWARD who says it is an error to suppose the Attorney-General meant this, as what he said was that "he was clear that Christmas presents which I have that character and are openly and honestly given as such cannot be within the Act." This Sir EDWARD admits is incontestable, but he goes on to say that the question what Christmas boxes are honestly and what corruptly given is not touched by the opinion of the learned Law Officer of the Crown, and "it is desirable that the public should not be misled by a careless and hasty reading of a very simple expression of an incontestable proposition;" and having thus uttered an incontestable proposition himself, the learned Judge leaves the subject—we suppose to proceed to the consideration of his next moral case. But the matter did not quite end here. An irreverent outsider of the name of GARDINER wrote from Wimbledon and asked why Sir EDWARD's arguments were correct, the Government and public authorities allow their servants (postmen, policemen and others) to collect Christmas boxes? It seems unkind to have put such a "stopper" on so much learning and moralising, but it will be hard to continue the discussion after this short and reasonable little dose of common sense. We have no special admiration for the system of giving Christmas boxes and more than that of giving wedding presents (which latter custom happily shows some signs of being discontinued) but so long as it is the custom (or "form") to give gratuities of the kind, it is reducing Law to an absurdity to argue that doing so will bring a man within the purview of an Act of Parliament unless (so far as this is concerned) the act is absurd in itself. To push the Act to such an extreme would be the best possible way to get it repealed altogether; and no doubt the Attorney-General was alive to this bearing of the subject, when he gave the sensible opinion to which Sir EDWARD FRY takes so much exception.

The English *Mail* of the 23rd December was delivered in London on the 25th inst.

Plague cases now number eight. There were three last week and three yesterday. The weekly return gives 31 smallpox cases, of which 28 were fatal. One British patient.

The programme at the Literary Club on Thursday night at the Union Club promises to be of unusual interest. It will be devoted to John G. Whittier, the American poet, the centenary of whose birth (December 17th) is being celebrated in English speaking countries. Those who will participate either by readings or discussion are Sir Henry Berkeley, Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, Consul-General Wilder, Rev. Mr. Hickling, and T. K. Dealy, Second Master Queen's College. The programme begins promptly at nine. The general public is invited

The world's history has been made not by its actors therein, but by the actors behind them. From time immemorial, says the "Systander," the woman of the stage, consorting "off" to speak, with kings and princes, have pulled the wires of Empire under the cloak of love.

Yesterday was the birthday of H. M. the Emperor of Germany, and most vessels in port dressed ship in honour of the occasion. At the German Consulate, during the day, the Acting German Consul held the usual reception which was attended by many officials and civilians, who called to tender their congratulations.

The return of visitors to the City Hall Library and Museum for the week ending the 26th January, 1908 shows that of non-Chinese there were 396 to the Library and 192 to the Museum, and of Chinese 171 to the former and 2,619 to the latter. The Library was there visited by 567 persons and the Museum by 2,811.

The officers and men of the "Kent" cruiser, who recently returned to England in the "Amphitrite," a cruiser, were paid off at Chatham and granted 28 days' leave. The "Amphitrite" was to remain at Chatham in charge of her crew, and maintenance party until she embarked the nucleus crew of the "Duson," cruiser, for voyage to Columbus to join the "Mounth," cruiser, which will be recommissioned for the China Station.

A retired ship's captain named Pierre L'Orte was just died near Bordeaux at the age of 103, after an adventurous sea career extending ninety-two years. He was only eleven when he went to sea as a cabin boy, and later, while serving in a French's buoy, he was taken captive by Spanish pirates. He and his fellow prisoners succeeded in overpowering their captors, taking command of the vessel, and bringing it safely into a French port, where the pirates were handed over to the law.

James L. Williams, a hatmaker, of Danbury Conn., and his wife have occupied the same house, taken their meals at the same table, and have been in each other's company almost continually for five years without speaking a word to each other. Five years ago (says the "Press" New York correspondent) they quarrelled, and Williams made a vow that he would never again speak to his wife. He has kept it religiously, and Mrs. Williams is now suing for a divorce. She ought to get it.

Lord Roberts's reference to General Nicholson last month should encourage us to greater justice to a wonderful man. To the natives of his day he was not only a great warrior and gifted administrator; he was a son to whom they offered cases which would otherwise have had to come over to the Privy Council. In one case a wicked uncle had tried to seize the estate of his young nephew, and there was no conclusive evidence as to which was right. The General, failing to make anything out of the argument, had himself tied to a tree early one morning, pretended that he had been robbed and maltreated, and vowed vengeance against the owner of the land. The wicked uncle, forgetting in his fear all that he had sworn, rushed forward and declared that he was not the owner, but that the land belonged to his nephew, as he could prove from title deeds. Nicholson at once decided in favour of the nephew, and caused it to be known that he had been tied to the tree at his own request in order to ascertain the truth.

## DOCK DIVIDEND.

Subject to audit, the Directors of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Limited, will recommend at the forthcoming meeting a dividend of 8%—\$4.00 per share, and carry forward about \$136,000.

## LOCAL SPORT.

RESULTS OF THE FIRST ROUND OF THE TOURNAMENT.

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J. H. Kemp (bye).

## MR. SETNA'S CUP.

A. F. B. Silva-Netto beat A. J. Rodriguez by 2 games to 0.

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D. Carvalho beat Otto Kong Sing by 2 games to 0.

A. Y. Silva v. R. A. Rosario 1 game each (unfinished).

W. W. Pelling (bye).

The Club has challenged Shanghai to play a match by telegraph, and the reply is expected to-day. If Shanghai accepts, the Hongkong team will be Messrs. U. E. Pollock, Langford, Danebeck, and E. J. Moss.

HONGKONG HOCKEY CHALLENGE CUP.

## FIRST ROUND.

The following, playing in colours, will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club this afternoon at Happy Valley, 4.45 p.m. sharp, against the Cameron Highlanders—(backs) C. W. Jeffries and T. M. Knott (halves) H. L. Garrett, H. V. Wilkinson, C. B. Johnson and E. Gaster; (forwards) C. P. Chater, R. O. Hutchison, L. G. Bird (Capt.), R. F. C. Master and S. F. Ricketts. Reserve: T. C. Gray.

CHOICE EXTRACTS FROM THE ED. PRESS.

Robert Platford, in the "Clarion,"—"All the gaudies will be going off to church to listen to a lot of sickly cant about the 'Infant Saviour.' The Princess's special gift to Alice Steel was a miniature grandfather clock, which will doubtless be a treasure highly prized by the children's dimers: 'Damn their charity!'

## TELEGRAMS.

[DAILY PRESS EXCLUSIVE SERVICE]

## THE LANCASHIRE CRISIS.

LONDON, January 26th.

The trade dispute in Lancashire has been settled by the cotton-mill operatives accepting the employers' terms.

## DEATH OF OUIDA.

LONDON, January 26th.

The death is announced of Mdlle. Louise de la Ramée, the novelist, well known to the reading public by the pseudonym of "Ouida."

## ATHLETICS.

LONDON, January 26th.

Zbysco has defeated Stillman in the Greco-Roman championship.

[REUTER'S SERVICE.]

## THE UNEMPLOYED IN CHICAGO.

LONDON, January 25th.

A demonstration by the unemployed in Chicago was dispersed by the police with whips and clubs, after a pitched battle. The demonstration was organised by the Anarchists.

## DENSE FOG ON THE ENGLISH CHANNEL.

LONDON, January 25th.

The densest and most persistent fog known for years continues in the Channel, and shipping is at a standstill.

## BLIZZARD IN NEW YORK.

LONDON, January 25th.

A blizzard in New York has brought the railways in many places to a standstill, and liners are anchoring in the outer bay.

## FRANCE.

LONDON, January 25th.

A debate in the Chamber of Deputies was remarkable for the reappearance of M. Delcasse, who admitted the full responsibility for the Morocco policy, in view of the danger of another power establishing its influence at Fez; hence he promoted ententes with Italy, Spain and Britain; and induced Russia to shake hands with Britain. He said Germany was envious and angry at shifting the balance of Europe, and threatened war at the time of the Algeciras Conference; but war did not result because of the danger of attacking France with powerful allies and friends. He urged the necessity for defending the approaches to the African Empire, on which the future of France depended. M. Delcasse received an ovation at the conclusion of his speech.

## N.C. Daily News Service.]

## RAILWAYS IN MANCHURIA.

TOKYO, January 22nd.

While admitting that the participation of British capitalists in the Hsinmin-ta-fakten railway project may be due to their ignorance of Japanese Treaty rights, Baron Hayashi, Japanese Minister at Peking, has renewed his protest against the conclusion by China of a loan agreement with a British syndicate for the construction of the railway. The Japanese hold that the proposed railway, although 35 miles away from the Japanese railway, constitutes a competitive line in view of the scarcity of freight and passengers in the thinly populated territory of South Manchuria.

## FORTUNATE GIRL.

ADOPTED BY THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

There is in England to-day one proud and happy little girl, who would not change places with the richest lady in the land. She is Alice Steel, an inmate of the Prince of Wales' Mary Village Homes at Addlestone in Surrey. Alice is a bright London girl, and a great favorite with her fellow-inmates of the homes. She was brought there some years ago, and it has been her good fortune to attract the notice of the Princess of Wales, who is patroness of the institution.

At Addlestone there is in force—as at many other places of the kind—the admirable scheme, which enables any philanthropic person to select a girl and watch over her career with solicitude little less than that which would be extended to one's own child.

The Princess of Wales has adopted Alice Steel and the village herd with pleasure, that her Royal Highness had written a note to her protegee.

It is a very short note, but it was a reminder to the girl that she had not been forgotten when the Princess has many demands

## LAUNCH OF THE "CYKLOP"

In the presence of many visitors the new towboat "Cyklop," built to the order of the Norddeutscher Lloyd for service at Bangkok, was successfully launched at the Kowloon Docks yesterday afternoon. Among others present at the launching ceremony were Captains Mac Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Messner, Mr. Mitchell, acting chief manager of the Docks, Mr. Graham, Mrs. and Miss Lambert, Mrs. Hinds, Mrs. and Miss Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. von Reigal, Mr. P. Hermeling, Mr. Sembel, Mrs. Kieds, Mrs. Drawin, Messrs. Nielsen, Friesland, Lembasky, Waudale and Alan.

Most of the guests assembled on a platform at the bow of the good ship which was ready to take the water, and at the appointed hour Mr. Messner prepared to perform the launching ceremony. First she recited a piece of poetry in German eulogistic of the ship and her builders. Then the sound of a whistle was the signal for the removal of the blocks, and as these were cleared from the rails of the slips and the ship moved seaward, Mrs. Messner broke a bottle of wine on her bow, at the same time saying "Farewell, 'Cyklop,'" and the tow boat moved on to the face of the waters amid great cheering and much crackle firing. Mrs. Messner was then presented with a handsome gold bracelet, and an adjournment was made to the reading room.

There, when refreshments had been supplied, Mr. Mitchell asked all to charge their glasses and drink to the success of the vessel just launched. The N.D.L. had given them a deal of new work besides that which the Dock Co. had done for their steamers on the China coast, and he was very pleased to be able to say that so far they had been able to give satisfaction, and meet the wishes of the supervisors, the superintendents and the local agents of the Company. He trusted the boat they had just seen take the water would be a success to the N.D.L., and as a tow boat he had no doubt she would render good service to the Company to which she belonged. In proposing success to the "Cyklop" he would couple with her name that of the lady who performed the launching ceremony, her husband and Mr. von Reigal. On the toast being honoured, Mr. von Reigal, in responding, reminded all present that yesterday was the 27th January and the birthday of the Emperor of Germany. On that account they could wish the "Cyklop" double success. In conclusion, he tendered the thanks of the Norddeutscher Lloyd to Mr. Mitchell on behalf of the Dock Co.

Mr. FRIESLAND then called on all present to charge their glasses for another toast. He had been asked by Mrs. Messner to thank Mr. Mitchell for his kind words and beautiful present, and would ask those in attendance to drink to the health of the Dock Co., and of all those connected with the building of the "Cyklop."

When the toast had been drunk, Mr. GRAHAM, the manager of the yard, returned thanks for the cordial manner in which it had been honoured. It was one of the days of a Dockyard man's life when he has a ship-a-successfully launched after the great trouble and anxiety connected with the building of the vessel. The Dock Co. had one of the best staffs in the Far East, and gave him pleasure to recognise their merits that day. Mr. Graham then proposed the toast of the Norddeutscher Lloyd, which was duly honoured, and terminated the proceedings.

The "Cyklop" has a length of 100 feet; a breadth of 20 feet, and a draught of 10 feet. She has triple expansion engines; and a circular boiler, multitudinous, with a working pressure of 170 lbs. per square inch.

## RADIIUM FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

A COSTLY PROPHYLACTIC. The one-thousandth part of a gramme of radium was shipped to the Philippines by the United States Government a month ago. The radium is to be used at the Manila, and this minute particle is said by a Central News telegram to have cost three thousand dollars.

The thousandth part of a gramme of radium is about the sixtieth part of a grain, and £300 for such an amount is excessive a price that one suspects a mistake in the cabled information. Radium is never sold pure, and has, in fact, never been completely isolated, but is prepared as radium bromide or radium chloride in various strengths. Its powers and capacities are, however, inexhaustible, and so a very small quantity, say one-tenth of a grain, will suffice for many years of experiment.

William Ramsay's famous experiments at University College have chiefly been made with a quantity amounting to one-tenth of a grain, valued at about £5. The chief difficulty about radium, however, is in getting together any appreciable quantity of it, because the process is slow, and the workers are comparatively few.

M. and Mme. Curie, the first experimenters, had collected something like three grains of the precious element (in the form of bromide), but this large quantity was almost entirely lost in a disastrous experiment.

It was M. Curie who remarked that if it were possible to bring together a pound of radium no one could be in the same room with it, for in a few moments its fierce radiations would destroy human life and tissue. There are several experiments in medicine for which radium has been used; and it was hoped at one time that it might be used in the treatment of malignant growths. Up to the present, however, these hopes have not been realised in fact.

## WEATHER REPORT.

On the 27th at 11.25 a.m. the barometer has risen slightly to moderate over S. China, the Loochow and Japan.

The high pressure remains over N. China, and gradients are slight to moderate along the coasts.

Fresh to strong monsoon will continue to prevail in the Formosa Channel and the China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:

N.E. winds, Hongkong & Neighbourhood; fresh to strong; fine. Forth Channel Same as No. 1. South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamock. Same as No. 1. South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. Same as No. 1.

## THE INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT OF KULANGSU, AMOY.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Ratepayers, held at the Board Room, Kulangsu, on the 21st January 1908.

Present:—Messrs. H. Bathurst, C. A. V. Bowes, C. J. Farrow, A. J. M. Faunce, J. S. Fenwick, H. Gottwaldt, J. G. Gots, J. T. Hashimoto, B. Hempel, M. H. Howard, P. E. O'Brien, Butler, S. Okuyama, Dr. J. A. Otto, H. F. Rankin, A. Seng, Rev. G. M. Wales, N. H. Wallace, E. Wyly, W. Wilson, S. P. Yin, M. Yokoyama and the Secretary.

1. The minutes of the last meeting are read and confirmed.

2. Attention is called by Mr. Bowes to the nuisance and inconvenience caused to passengers and owners of pigs and sampans at the public jetties by steam launches belonging to warships in harbour remaining alongside the jetties when waiting for, or after discharging, their passengers.

3. Dr. C. Merz, Consul for Germany and Senior Consul, was in the Chair.

2. The Secretary read the notice convening the meeting.

3. Mr. W. H. Wallace, Chairman of the 1907 Council, addressed the meeting as follows:—Gentlemen, With your permission I would like to make a few remarks before we proceed to pass the accounts. In the first place I wish to express our regret at the resignation of our Chairman, Mr. F. B. Marshall, who was always a willing and able worker in the interests of the community. Turning to sanitary matters, I would call your earnest attention to the Health Officer's remarks in our Annual Report for 1907 concerning house-holders and the proper disposal of kitchen refuse, and also to the necessity of paying attention to kitchen drainage generally. In his report for 1906 the Health Officer said:

"Householders would be greatly assisting, from a sanitary point of view, if they were to forbid their servants allowing kitchen refuse to flow into the public drains. To obviate this, householders should provide their kitchens with refuse tubs into which all kitchen refuse should be thrown. These tubs should be emptied daily under private arrangements." Coming to accounts, I may mention that in our Budget for 1907 we anticipated a surplus of £3984 which an anticipation I am pleased to say has been fully borne out as we have a surplus of £4300, although we paid out £700 in excess of our Estimates in order to get rid of a 'white elephant' in the shape of rent on our market, thus compounding for a lumpy sum a liability which would have run on until September 1909. This surplus, together with £1237, the surplus of 1906, will however be fully required to enable us to complete payment for our new Municipal Buildings which we estimate will cost us £26,000, and against which, as you know, we took power to issue debentures to the value of £20,000. In connection with the 'New Building Account' I would point out that the item 'Payments to Contractors &c.' includes cost of site viz: £3700. Debentures issued stand at £6,925 and the final call £307 will be made on 31st March next. I cannot conclude my remarks without saying how greatly we all as Councillors appreciate the services of our Secretary, Mr. Mitchell, who has worked most strenuously both early and late for the good of the Council, and whose tact and courtesy have enabled him to deal successfully with every emergency that has arisen.

4. Mr. Hempel moved and Dr. Otto seconded, that the accounts for 1907 be passed. Carried unanimously.

5. Mr. Hempel proposed, seconded by Capt. Bathurst, that the Estimates for 1908 be passed. Carried unanimously.

6. In the motion of Dr. Otto, seconded by Mr. Morley, the following gentlemen, who offered themselves for election, were unanimously elected to serve on the Council for 1908:

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7. On the Chairman asking whether any raters desired to put any questions:

8. Capt. Bathurst suggested the desirability of having a census taken of the Chinese population of the Settlement.

The Chairman said no doubt the incoming Council would take a note, but whether it was feasible or not, owing to the large floating population, remained to be seen.

9. Dr. Otto was of opinion that the question of having a cadastral survey of the Island made, was one that should not be lost sight of, and at the same time the title deeds of all land on the Island should be inspected and, where possible, verified, and the owners registered.

The Revd. G. M. Wales, speaking from his experience whilst a member of the original Assessment Committee, thought that it would be found impossible to tax Chinese owned land on any fair basis.

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10. With a vote of thanks to the Chairman, proposed by Mr. Wales, seconded by Mr. Wallace, and carried unanimously, the meeting closed.

## KULANGSU (AMOY) MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

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Present:—Messrs. W. H. Wallace (Chairman), C. A. V. Bowes, W. Kruse, S. Okuyama, W. Wilson and the Secretary.

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All he could tell Gröz, however, was that he thought the mysterious violinist was probably

of Professor of Professor Aner.

Dr. Gröz at once offered a detective £250 if he could find the violinist, and in three days he succeeded. Miss Parlow played to Dr. Gröz, and he was so impressed that he offered to bring her out as a solo violinist.

Miss Parlow was glad to agree, as her father is dead, and she had been living with her mother in London on very



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Hongkong, 4th December, 1907. 24

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JOHN ARMSTRONG,  
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Hongkong, 30th April, 1907. 23

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Hongkong, 25th September, 1907. 560

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## THE TRADE OF MANCHURIA.

A Shanghai correspondent wrote to the Times on November 20th—

Manchuria has been the trade barometer of China for three years past. Up to twelve years ago, imports of foreign goods at Niu-chwang, the sole port of entry, did not exceed 5,000,000 tools, but, in the three years 1904-6, they averaged 21,000,000 tools, and in the year 1905 were close on 31,000,000 tools. This was the year in which Dairen (called Ta-lien up to 1898, and Dalny from that year to 1904) first appeared as an active competitor. Its competition became more pronounced in 1906 and 1907; it draws on Japan for its supplies of Japanese and Western manufactures, while Niu-chwang looks mainly to Shanghai to supply its needs. The value of Japanese products shipped to Dairen during 1906 may be put at 15,000,000 tools. In previous papers on the trade of China in 1905 and 1906, I referred to the huge stocks of foreign products poured into Shanghai, in anticipation of a prospective Manchurian demand, and to the large quantities sent to Niu-chwang for distribution; and my comments on the trade of these years took the form of explanations to show why the demand, and consequent consumption, had been less active than was expected. The principal foreign product in question was cotton cloth, and in this both Shanghai and Niu-chwang have occupied the position of an anaconda, slowly and drowsily digesting an enormous meal; and even now, after three years of digestion, the China anaconda is not yet ready for a fresh supply of prey.

War, politics, and climate have all produced their effect on Manchuria, and of those the greatest is politics in the modern form of political-combinedperial activity. The monsoon of 1907 was late and weak, and produced no effect beyond Tiehling, which was left rainless and desolate; while the rivers were not too shallow to bring the normal quantities of Manchurian produce, beans and beansake for the winter market, down for shipment. The war was over two years ago and more; but in a country in which traffic is made a religion, and co-operation for the outlay of common funds is unknown, recompensation is a slow process. To consider the political situation we must put ourselves in the place of the two former belligerents, and study what would be their natural course.

Russia had fond hopes of absorbing (at least) a sphere of influence at least the whole of Manchuria, and now finds herself relegated to the northern part and cut off from salt water. That part, the provinces of Hulunkiang and Kirin, has great capabilities as a wheat-producing country; but, being still thinly settled, may be dismissed from consideration as a present large consumer of foreign manufactured goods. Provision is made, however, for its trade by the establishment of the Harbin Customs, soon to be opened, and to levy duty on the rates levied on the sea-borne trade.

The southern part, the province of Shantung, is the Japanese sphere of influence. At the outset it must be noted that Japan rescued this province for China without cost to China, and is loyally restoring its administration—and revenues—to its titular sovereign lord without direct pecuniary compensation. The maintenance of the open door—equal opportunity for all—was promised; but to suppose that there will be no attempt to recover through trade some few of the many millions wasted through war (the thousands of lives are gone beyond recall) is to ascribe to Japan a degree of benevolence and altruism far superior to that of any of the Western Powers. But Japan is not in a position to be altruistic, burdened as she is with a war debt which imposes a charge on the nation, not heavy, perhaps, when compared with European countries, but enormous in proportion to the earning power of the individual Japanese subject; and she is driven to increase in every possible way her foreign consuming market. The market offering to Japan the greatest possibility of expansion is China, and in China Manchuria alone provides a prospect of unequal opportunity.

How this unequal opportunity has been, and will continue to be, made the subject of a serious study by European and American merchants, but they have been unable to peer through the veil of mystery and put a finger on the spot. They guess and they ponder, but they may have their hands forced. Of one thing, however, they may be assured, that debt due by Shanghai are at least represented by goods and not by paper; of goods, too, of which there are no large stocks in other parts of the world, and which could be replaced only at a much higher sterling cost.

JUDICIAL PROCEDURE IN  
GERMANY.

CIRCULAR BY THE CHANCELLOR.

The Imperial Chancellor has addressed to the

Federated Governments a circular, in which he calls attention to the absence of the laws of judicial procedure which enable the Courts to compare with witnesses to give evidence against their will.

The law, Prince Bülow explains, does not enjoin that this compulsory shall be invariably exercised, and he recommends that the Public Prosecutor should be invited to exercise a certain reserve in the application of these provisions, and should be guided in a greater degree by the necessities of individual cases.

Prince Bülow means that a bill, which is

shortly to be submitted to the consideration of the Federal Council with a view to being introduced in the Reichstag, will deal with this subject.

Although the Chancellor's circular does not specifically refer to the Press, it is well known that the chief abuse of the right to extort evidence by compulsion and perjury has been in connection with Press prosecutions. According to trustworthy account, the new Bill will permit editors, publishers, and printers of periodicals and newspapers to decline to name the author or contributor of an incriminated article so long as this permission does not frustrate the successful prosecution and punishment of an editor who in publishing the article has transgressed the law. The right of compelling the staff of a newspaper and even the composition to give information with regard to the origin of articles and communications has been a grievance of long standing, and on one occasion the legal provision which regulates this procedure was rejected in the Reichstag by 238 votes to 51. One of the deputed asked, amid loud cheers, whether it was right to pass legal enactments, the fulfilment of which would, in the general opinion, dishonour any respectable press. Would it not be better, he continued, to frame the laws in such a fashion that their fulfilment would be compatible with the character of a man of honour?

It may, perhaps, be fair to judge of Japanese action in this respect, that which is exposed to view on the Yalu. During the war, and up to the end of 1906, the Japanese military authorities expropriated one log in every three of the immense timber rafts floated down the Yalu, paying therefore about one-third of the market value. Eighteen months after the conclusion of peace the military necessity was held to have ceased, but an interregnum now prevails owing to the failure to form the joint Sino-Japanese Yalu Timber Company provided for in the Komura Convention of December, 1905, and during this interregnum—certainly up to the present time—the Japanese Timber Bureau asserts and enforces its right to prohibit the passing of rafts to the newly-opened port of Antung, until it has selected one-fourth of the logs, paying prices ranging from one-third to one-half of the market value. This is doubtless an administrative and territorial measure as the Yalu forms the boundary between Manchuria and Korea, but it is an illuminating incident.

During the past three years the position of the Shanghai importer has been most anxious; he has been holding enormous stocks on which he must pay interest and storage and insurance charges, and sees only a gradual lightening of his burden in the slow trade off for consumption. However, Chinese holds at first hand have during the past year been facing the situation and realising, being ready merely to reduce their loss without trying for a profit. New orders are not being placed, and stocks are getting close to manageable amounts, but the financial strain has been terrible. That the financial situation has not been the result we see due to the loyal co-operation of the banks and

the merchants, foreign and Chinese, together in maintaining the market, but incidental help has come from factors beyond the control of those in China. Many of the orders for cotton goods were placed at low prices for the raw material, at a time when the price of American middling ranged from 3.75d. to 5.50d. per lb.; but after the stocks came in and while they were held cotton rose to over 7d. and has not, at any time, been much below 6d. This greatly strengthened the position of importers in holding their large stocks, and the result would have been still better had they have excluded the keen Chinese middlemen from a share in the unearned increment. Another factor was exchange, which until the last month was more or less generally favourable to those who hold their stocks of a gold basis.

Before 1903 the Shanghai tael of silver exchanged for a general average of 5s. 10d., and from that level (7d.) fell to its lowest in 1902, when the average for the year was 2d., a loss of 60 per cent. of its one-time purchasing power. Since then there has been some recovery, and for 1903 the average was 2d., and for 1904 it was 3d., with a range from 2d. to 2d. to a highest of 3d. In 1905 the average was 3d., and the range from 3d. to 3d. In 1906 the average was 3d., and the range from 3d. to 3d. In 1907 the average was 3d., and the range from 3d. to 3d. In 1908 the average was 3d., and the range from 3d. to 3d. In 1909 the average was 3d., and the range from 3d. to 3d. In 1910 the average was 3d., and the range from 3d. to 3d. In 1911 the average was 3d., and the range from 3d. to 3d. In 1912 the average was 3d., and the range from 3d. to 3d. In 1913 the average was 3d., and the range from 3d. to 3d. In 1914 the average was 3d., and the range from 3d. to 3d. In 1915 the average was 3d., and the range from 3d. to 3d. In 1916 the average was 3d., and the range from 3d. to 3d. In 1917 the average was 3d., and the range from 3d. to 3d. In 1918 the

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## ARRIVALS.

CARL DIKSBURG, German str., 774, T. KAYSER, 27th January—Haiphong and Hoihow 25th Jan., General—Josten & Co., HONGKONG, French str., 742, A. CORNELLER, 27th January—Haiphong and Hoihow 26th January—Rice—A. R. Marti, HUN, French str., 705, J. Pannier, 27th Jan.—Haiphong, Patro, Hoihow and K. C. Wan 26th Jan., General—A. R. Marti, PROKOS, Norwegian str., 1,024, Moller, 26th January—Stock 26th January, General—Asgard Thorson & Co., SUSHI MARU, Japanese str., 1,110, T. Suruga, 27th January—Shanghai 21st January, General—Ocean Shouen, Kaisha, TING-SANG, British str., 1,400, E. M. Raynolds, 27th January—Wakamatsu 22nd Jan., Coal—Jardine, Matheson & Co., VANDALIA, German str., 5,450, Vahsel, 27th January—Shanghai 24th Jan., General—Hamburg-Amerika Line, WUHU, British str., 26th January—Canton, ZIETEN, German str., 4,950, F. Frech, 27th January—Kobe 19th, and Shanghai 25th Jan., General—Melschers & Co.

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## DEPARTURES.

27th January,  
AMBIA, German str., for Taka.  
NINGCHOW, British str., for Tacons.  
TAISHUN, Chinese str., for Shanghai.

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DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	FLAG & REG.	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP	SUNDA	Brit. str.	—	G. M. Moniford, E.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 29th inst.
LONDON & VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	PENINSULAR	Brit. str.	—	W. B. Palmer, E.N.R.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 6th Feb. at Noon.
LONDON, ANTWERP & HAMBURG	FLINTSHIRE	Brit. str.	k. w.	Filler	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 20th February.
MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	HABSBURG	Ger. str.	Fr. str.	Soller	MESAGNERIES MARITIMES	To-morrow.
MARSEILLES, &c. via PORTS OF CALL	YARNA	Jan. str.	—	H. Pybus	MELCHERS & CO.	On 4th Feb., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE & COOPENHAGEN	PETRONIA	Ger. str.	—	v. Hoff	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 21st February.
MARSEILLES, PLYMOUTH, HAVRE & HAMBURG, &c.	MAISIELLES	Ger. str.	—	Wagner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 26th February.
ROTTERDAM, BREMEN & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	FERD. LAMIZ	Ger. str.	k. w.	Havel	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 14th February.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SAXONIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Hesse	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 13th March.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	BRASILIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	F. Proesch	MELCHERS & CO., LTD.	With Liberty to call at Honoalou and Salina Cruz.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	ZITTEN	Ger. str.	k. w.	MacFarlane	JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., LTD.	TO-MORROW, at Noon.
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SIMMOGA	Brit. str.	—	SHewan, Tomes & Co.	TO-MORROW, at 2 P.M.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	INDRA	Brit. str.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. C.	ABOUT 25TH FEBRUARY.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	SANT PATRICK	Am. str.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. C.	ABOUT 16TH MARCH.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	2 m.	DODWELL & CO., LTD.	On 13th Feb., at 4 P.M.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	KASATO MARU	Am. str.	—	Cowley	TO-MORROW, at Noon.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	CHINGT	Brit. str.	1 m.	D. Morris	TO-MORROW, at 2 P.M.	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Brit. str.	1 m.	W. B. Brown	TO-YO KISEN KAISHA	
HAVRE & HAMBURG VIA STRAITS, &c.	PRINZ SIGISMUND	Brit. str.	—	W. von Senden	BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	
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Capt. H. D. MEYER		
MANILA, FRIEDR. WILHELMIS, HAIFEN, SIMPSONHAFEN, BISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"PRINZ WALDEMAR"	Saturday, 1st Febr., at 5 P.M.
Capt. W. v. SENDEF		
YOKOHAMA and KOBE	"PRINZ SIGISMUND"	About Friday.
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ABEKA MARU, Japanese str., 2,183, T. Ohta, 26th January—Moji 20th January, Coal—Mitsubishi Bussan Kaisha.

CHIHLI, British str., 1,76, J. Warlock, 16th January—Haiphong Jan. 15th, &amp; Hoikow 15th, Rice and General—Butterfield &amp; Swire.

CHOTOANG, British str., 1,423, A. E. Sandback, 24th January—Shanghai via Swatow 23rd January, General, Oil and Sheep—Jardine, Matheson &amp; Co.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN, British str., 3,039, H. Purvis, R.N.R., 13th January—Vancouver 24th Dec. via Japan Ports and Shanghai 11th Jan., Muji and General—Canadian Pacific Railway Co.

FOOKSANG, British str., 1,938, T. Mitchell, 25th Jan.—Moji 2 Jan., General—Jardine, Matheson &amp; Co.

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## POST OFFICE NOTICE

## CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

Sunday the 2nd February, 1908, being Chinese New Year's Day the General Post Office will not be open for the Public and no collection from the Pillar Boxes or Deliveries will be made. On Monday the 3rd February, 1908, the General Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m. There will be one Delivery of Letters and a Collection from the Pillar Boxes on Sunday. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed. In the event of the arrival of the French Mail from Europe the Post Office will remain open one hour after for the delivery thereof.

The Ernest Simon, with the French mail of the 3rd January, left Singapore on Monday, the 27th instant, at 3 p.m. and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 3rd February. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 30th November.

## NOTES

## FROM

		DATE
Swallow		Tuesday, 25th, 9.00 A.M.
Singapore		Tuesday, 25th, 9.00 "
Swatow and Shanghai		Tuesday, 25th, 11.00 A.M.
Bangkok		Tuesday, 25th, 1.00 P.M.
Macao		Tuesday, 25th, 1.15 P.M.
Singapore		Tuesday, 25th, 2.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo		Tuesday, 25th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai		Tuesday, 25th, 3.0 P.M.
Manila		Tuesday, 25th, 5.00 P.M.
Hollow and Haiphong		Wednesday, 26th, 8.00 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy, Foochow and Shanghai		Wednesday, 26th, 9.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo		Wednesday, 26th, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver B.C.		Wednesday, 26th, 10.00 A.M.
Montevideo		Wednesday, 26th, 10.00 A.M.
Europe, &c., India via Tuticorin		(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)
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Sourabaya		Wednesday, 26th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao		Wednesday, 26th, 11.15 P.M.
Rangoon		Wednesday, 26th, 11.30 P.M.
Macao		Thursday, 27th, 1.15 P.M.
Shanghai		Thursday, 27th, 3.00 P.M.
Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Portland and Oregon		Friday, 28th, 8.00 A.M.
Macao		Friday, 28th, 1.15 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta		Friday, 28th, 2.00 P.M.
Shanghai, Zamboanga, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle		Friday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila		Friday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.
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Shanghai, Simpsonshafen, Friedrich Wilhelmshafen, Herbertshafen, Matapi, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle		Saturday, 1st, 10.00 A.M.
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